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### Rep. Frey Reminds Residents Of State's Sex Offender Registry



**HARTFORD** - Following a number of high profile crimes committed in the United States in recent months, State Rep. John H. Frey, R-Ridgefield, today reminded state residents that Connecticut does have a sex offender registry available online. In 1999, Rep. Frey cosponsored legislation that created the registry. State law now mandates that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) maintain a central registry of people convicted of certain sexual offenses, who

are required to register under the general statutes.

Persons who have been arrested or accused of a sex offense listed in Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 through 54-261 are not required to register unless the accusation results in a conviction or a finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect. This list contains only offenders who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

Offenders who were released into the community after October 1, 1988 are required to register. According to DPS, the department updates the registry regularly to ensure it is complete and accurate. However, state residents should be aware this information can change quickly and is the registry represents the latest data of record and may not reflect the current residence, status, or other information regarding a registrant (offender).

DPS has not considered or assessed the specific risk of re-offense with regard to any individual prior to his or her inclusion within this registry, and has made no determination that any individual included in the Registry is currently dangerous. Individuals included within the registry are included solely by virtue of their conviction record and state law.

“The registry is intended to provide the citizens with information about people convicted of sexual offenses who are living in their community,” said Rep. Frey. “Prior to the creation of such registries, there were a number of crimes by repeat sexual offenders in which people in a given community had no knowledge that person was in close proximity.”

The registry website is: [www.state.ct.us/dps/sex\\_offender\\_registry.htm](http://www.state.ct.us/dps/sex_offender_registry.htm)

For further information on any subjects listed on the registry, state law authorizes the Department of Public Safety to release to any person, a state criminal conviction record for a fee of \$25.00. For more information, contact the DPS State Bureau of Identification (SPBI) at (860) 685-8480.